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#### TYPES OF ADVISORIES

##### Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

##### Elevated Alert

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Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.

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## **NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – June 2017**

*This monthly newsletter is published to increase NASA personnel awareness of significant current issues related to counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence cyber matters. To learn more about CI/CT awareness, or to schedule a CI/CT presentation, please contact the CI POC located on the last page.*

### **Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:**

#### **THE MOTHER OF ALL TERRORIST GROUPS ISN'T THE ISLAMIC STATE**



The Islamic State's savagery has drawn eyes away from the true danger: the Taliban and al Qaeda, which continue to sit pretty after nearly 16 years of unsuccessful efforts at elimination. Although dethroned by U.S. military action in 2001, the Taliban has remained a tenacious opponent.

[http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/05/05/the-mother-of-all-terrorist-groups-isnt-the-islamic-state/?utm\\_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NewsWatch](http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/05/05/the-mother-of-all-terrorist-groups-isnt-the-islamic-state/?utm_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsWatch)

#### **UNDER PRESSURE IN SYRIA, ISIS LOOKS TO LIBYA TO PLOT TERROR ATTACKS**

Even as the so-called Islamic State has lost territory and men in Libya, it has maintained an underground network of cells in some of the most populous parts of the country. That network, according to security forces in the capital Tripoli, supported the Manchester suicide bomber Salman Abedi and his younger brother Hashim.



<http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/25/middleeast/isis-looks-to-libya-to-plot-terror-attacks/>

#### **U.S. ISSUES TRAVEL ALERT FOR EUROPE, CITING TERRORIST THREAT**



The U.S. State Department (DOS) issued a travel alert for Europe, saying U.S. citizens should be aware of the threat of terrorist attacks throughout the continent. The DOS cited incidents in France, Russia, Sweden and the UK and said ISIS and al Qaeda "Can plan and execute terrorist attacks in Europe."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-europe-alert-attacks-idUSKBN17X2CV>

### **Significant Counterintelligence Issues:**

#### **CHINESE COUNTERSPIES FOILING U.S. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN CHINA**

Chinese security forces began sweeping up U.S. spying operations in China around 2010, the NYT reported recently; "killing or imprisoning more than a dozen sources over two years and crippling intelligence gathering there for years afterward."

<http://www.newsweek.com/chinese-counterspies-foiling-us-intelligence-operations-613393>





## CHINESE NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND THEFT



Xu Jiaqiang, formerly of Beijing China, plead guilty to economic espionage and theft of a trade secret. This was in connection with Xu's theft of proprietary source code from Xu's former employer, with the intent to benefit the National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China. Xu pleaded guilty to all six counts with which he was charged.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/chinese-national-pleads-guilty-economic-espionage-and-theft-trade-secret-us-company-0>

## LIN ADMITS TO DISCLOSING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, NOT ESPIONAGE

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lin admitted to the U.S. government charges during a court-martial before a military judge this month. Last year the military had accused Lin of two instances of espionage, three instances of attempted espionage and several instances of mishandling classified information and failing to report contact with foreign agents.

<https://news.usni.org/2017/05/04/edward-lin-pleads-guilty>



### **Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:**

As military pressure against ISIS in Iraq and Syria squeezes the “Caliphate,” it has become obvious that ISIS will not fade gracefully into history. ISIS has sent operatives worldwide, from Europe to Libya. The recent attack in Manchester shows the fight against ISIS operatives and supporters will continue for years. Western intelligence agencies have finally begun to assess that Al-Qaeda (AQ) and its affiliates (AQIM, AQAP, Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham and others) have exploited the focus on ISIS to expand their influence worldwide. Usama Bin Laden's son Hamza has stepped forward recently to begin leading the fight against the West. Chinese espionage against the U.S. continues, seeking U.S. technology as well as any available sensitive information that could further the Chinese economy or its political goals worldwide. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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